MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know what became of the Chittar scheme?

MR. S. SESHA IYER: That has not been given up.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know what steps have been taken with regard to the Manakuddy Reservoir?

MR. S. SESHA IYER: Nothing has been done about this reservoir. They are being taken up one by one.

PRESIDENT: Before putting this matter to vote, I think I have to explain that, as has already been stated by the Deputy Chief Engineer, Government are fully aware of the difficulties of the situation and the urgency of the matter. They have made up their mind to proceed with the investigation as rapidly as circumstances permit and to allow works to be proceeded with in anticipation of formal sanction of estimates. For the purpose of obtaining water near the tail end or the middle of these channels where cultivation is being carried on, experiments will be immediately started to see whether the system of well irrigation cannot, to a certain extent, be employed. In addition to it, the question of improving and starting new tanks and of repairing and clearing the silt from existing reservoirs is engaging the attention of the Government. Orders have been given that work should proceed night and day taking advantage of the abundance of cheap labour available just now. In these circumstances, I trust, it will be clear to the House that Government are not unalive to the responsibility of the situation.

Now the question is whether the Honourable Members who have given notice of the adjournment motion wish to press it or not.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: I withdraw the motion.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: I wish to have a reply on the lines of the remission of tax.

PRESIDENT: I do not think it is possible to give a reply in that direction immediately.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: In view of the assurance given by the Chair, I beg leave of the House to withdraw the motion.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: I withdraw the motion.

The motion, by leave, was withdrawn.

RESULT OF THE ELECTION TO THE SENATE.

PRESIDENT: I have to announce the result of the election that was held for the purpose of choosing members for the Senate. Mr. Thanu Pillai gets 39 votes, Mr. Kainikara M. Padmanabha Pillai gets 32 and Mr. N. V. Joseph 25 and these three are declared elected.

The House will now adjourn, but I must tell the members that they cannot make arrangements to leave for their homes. In all probability, they will have to meet on Tuesday the 1st of February. So provisionally I may say that the House will meet on Tuesday. Notices will be sent to the local addresses of Honourable Members.

The House adjourned at 5 P. M.

E. I. CHACKO,
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